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The High Road

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MSF Safety Course

Here are some of our HOG members taking the MSF rider's course in Groton.



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Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2016

By Cindy Standen:



The meeting came to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members & Guests: "Tapper" was present, Janine Fabian's pup. Also two persons in attendance joined while at the meeting.

Health & Welfare: Thoughts & prayers to Cathy Damiano who recently had surgery and is doing well. Steve Knowles mentioned the unfortunate loss of his wife's nephew, only 37 years old who was killed in an accident in a construction zone. This reminds us all to slow down and be very aware of the situations when in these areas.

HOG Manager – Rich Milazzo: not in attendance today due to Father's Day.

Treasurer's Report: Our current balance is \$3,100. Recent payouts were for the newsletter, meeting refreshments and postage for some old awards that were found and never distributed. We will be auditing our books on a yearly basis going forward and this is done around January for our Annual Meeting.

Membership & Secretary: We currently have 132 members plus the two today. The PHD Bike Nights have not only been fun, but we've seen a few people sign up while attending.

Road Captain: Packets were put together for any of our ride leaders to keep in their bikes in case they need a release form, membership sign-up or incident report. These should be placed in our HOG mailbox at PHD or brought to the next meeting for the Secretary. Any incidents while out on a ride should be called in to one of the primary officers as soon as possible as well as making out the necessary report.

Safety: We recently had a group attend the Biker Safety Course held down in Groton, NY. Each attendee spoke a bit about what they got out of the course – a great refresher on handling your bike and realizing some bad habits you've picked up through the years. Attendees will receive a \$50 store credit through HOG National once they apply for their reimbursement. Any one who was a veteran receives another \$50 credit from PHD as well.

Michelin has a new campaign out on Tire Safety. After the meeting everyone was asked to step up to their bike for a photo-op with our Safety Officer which will be posted on Facebook. Participants and members are encouraged to 'LIKE' your members on Facebook and Michelin is giving out prizes to the ones with the most 'LIKES'.

Activities: Unfortunately not enough people had signed up for the recent Chief's game so our plans were canceled. Our Annual Picnic is 9/18/16 and a show of hands approved returning to the Cicero American Legion. Kris will be in touch with them to

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reserve the date and work on the rest of the plans for the menu and activities. Gina Harrison will again be making up one of her special desserts for us.

Ladies of Harley: Terry Lynn Clark was not available today, nothing new to report.

Photographer & Community Service: Karen Whedon was also unavailable today. She requested that everyone continue to bring items in for our September Food Drive. She's also looking forward to any member's photos of their rides and activities.

Webmaster & Editor: Rob Gabor apologized for not having the May Newsletter ready by today's meeting. There wasn't the usual articles submitted and some last minute ones held it up. He'll have it available by our next meeting.

Historian: Garry Canino is remaining on as our Historian and is looking forward to the items the Chapter came upon so that he can share many interesting facts with us in the future. Those items are currently being scanned for safe-keeping. Any info that any member comes upon relating to our chapter is welcomed.

Old Business: Director, Kevin Reney thanked all the members that stepped forward in April and May during the Chapter's transition from our past leadership. We have new Welcome Packets, the Chapter's bank account has been brought up to date with the current Director's & Treasurer's information, and our Chapter Charter has been revised and submitted to HOG National. Our quarterly Membership Report to HOG has been filed after cleaning up the list and cross-checking who are approved members.

New Business: All members were reminded that they can, on their own and not through the dealer, go to the HOG National website to purchase any HOG merchandise. HOG.com/Shop

Pig Pot: We collected \$152, \$76.00 to Lee Reney and \$76.00 to the Club.

T-Shirt Bingo: North Carolina, no winner so next month the amount is \$40.00

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40. Members will be meeting at the back of the dealership for the Michelin photo-op. Today's ride is with going to Rudy's in Oswego.

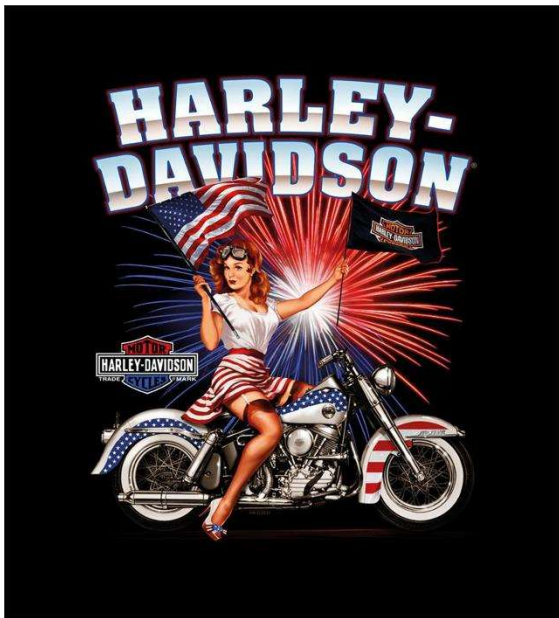
DIRECTOR

By Kevin Reney:



I hope everyone had a Safe and Happy 4th.

The New York Rally is this month as well, and I hope to see lots of pictures. I know we have some members going up to enjoy the Festivities and to put on the games. I can't wait to hear about all the fun.



TREASURER

By Joanne Piston:



June was a relatively slow month financially.

June's activity is as follows:

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| Beginning Cash Balance: | 4184.31 |
| Receipts & Expenses | 1577.66 |
| Ending Cash Balance | 2606.65 |

Details of the receipts and disbursements are always available for the asking!

ACTIVITIES

By Kristine Wilson:



Our annual picnic will be September 18th at the Cicero American Legion. More details will follow at our next meeting and through

Facebook and email. If you are able or willing to donate any items for the prizes, please let me know as soon as possible! If you are interested in helping with the event, email or call me!

We are looking forward to a great summer of riding and fun!

ROAD CAPTAIN

By John Kresse:



Welcome to the July Newsletter. We have had an incredible stretch of nice weather recently (as of this writing anyway; late

June) so we bikers are out in force. Here's something that came to mind while I was out riding myself.

Ever hear of "Road Snakes"? I don't mean the road-kill kind. I refer to the long narrow patches of the tar/plastic/rubbery type material the road crews use to fill in the long thin cracks in the road. They apply it hot as in- they use a device that keeps a yellow flame going to heat the nozzle. (I've had the pleasure of watching this done once in Bayberry) It pours out of the nozzle and onto the road in a reasonably controlled fashion and seeps in and seals the cracks. When it settles and hardens, it looks like a flat, 1-2" wide black 'snake' or multiple snakes all over the road.

The interesting part is when your bike tires ride over it. It becomes that something else that comes between your tires and the road so the friction factor is compromised. When it's hot out, it gets soft and squishy and, especially in a curve, you can really feel your tires act a little squirrely. Besides being more than a bit unnerving, that's a potentially bad situation. Any unexpected changes in how your tire is grabbing the road can cause trouble. As you're scanning the road ahead, you

can plan in advance how you will want to work your way through this booby trap.

Also keep in mind that at night and especially in the rain, the material re-hardens. I believe because of its rubbery nature, it flows to a very smooth surface when warm and is now a hard slick surface once cooled. Again, it's NOT the pavement and anything between your tires and the pavement is not good. Similar lack-of-traction conditions can occur and cause all kinds of trouble.

Remember to keep an eye out for the other guy and enjoy the summer.



Blackberry Road, 6/30/16 approx. 5:30 PM



SAFETY OFFICER

By Steve Knowles:



Get the **BIG** Picture

Back in my High School years I had the 'golden' opportunity to take a Driver's Ed course. One of the big things that is still with

me today is a phrase that stuck with me and often pops up as I'm driving/riding... **"GET THE BIG PICTURE"**. Since then, I've figured out, that what we had learned back then as youngsters, stuck in our frontal lobes never to be forgotten. I still draw upon those early years rather quickly and I do it without forethought. I guess it's kind of embedded in my brain cells. Good thing; cause now-a-days I'm forgetting lots of stuff!

When I ride, I **"GET THE BIG PICTURE"** by continually scanning my surroundings with not just my eyes for visual, but I listen too, and I use all my senses to 'feel' around me. I can hear the traffic before I see it, I can feel the air pushing and the vibrations of those big rigs rumbling on by. I'm continually scan my gauges & mirrors, I'm gathering more than 180 degrees of 'my' environmental-presence, what's close to me, what's not. The info my senses gather is letting me know my place, relative to my surroundings; in real time! Yes, using all my 'senses' gives me nearly 360 degrees of surveillance; it's like having eyes in the back of my head; and on a motorcycle, that's required! Hope you enjoy the following article....

S-E-E

'Ride Within Your Abilities' part of NYS DMV Motorcycle Manual

Good experienced riders remain aware of what is going on around them. They improve their riding strategy by using SEE, a three-step process used to make appropriate judgments, and apply them correctly in different traffic situations:

SEE

- **Search**
- **Evaluate**
- **Execute**

Let's examine each of these steps.

Search

Search aggressively ahead, to the sides and behind to avoid potential hazards even before they arise. How assertively you search, and how much time and space you have, can eliminate or reduce harm. Focus even more on finding potential escape routes in or around intersections, shopping areas, school and construction zones.

Search for factors such as:

- Oncoming traffic that may turn left in front of you.
- Traffic coming from the left and right.
- Traffic approaching from behind.
- Hazardous road conditions.

Be especially alert in areas with limited visibility. Visually "busy" surroundings could hide you and your motorcycle from others.

Evaluate

Think about how hazards can interact to create risks for you. Anticipate potential problems and have a plan to reduce risks.

- Stationary objects — potholes, guard rails, bridges, telephone poles, and trees won't move into your path but may influence your

riding strategy.

- Traffic control devices — Look for traffic signals, including regulatory signs, warning signs, and pavement markings, to help you evaluate circumstances ahead.
- Other vehicles, pedestrians and animals — may suddenly move into your path and increase the likelihood of a crash.

Think about your time and space requirements in order to maintain a margin of safety. You must leave yourself time to react if an emergency arises.

Execute

Carry out your decision.

To create more space and minimize harm from any hazard:

- Communicate your presence with lights and/or horn.
 - Adjust your speed by accelerating, stopping or slowing.
 - Adjust your position and/or direction.
- Apply the old adage "one step at a time" to handle two or more hazards. Adjust speed to permit two hazards to separate. Then deal with them one at a time as single hazards. Decision making becomes more complex with three or more hazards. Weigh consequences of each and give equal distance to the hazards.

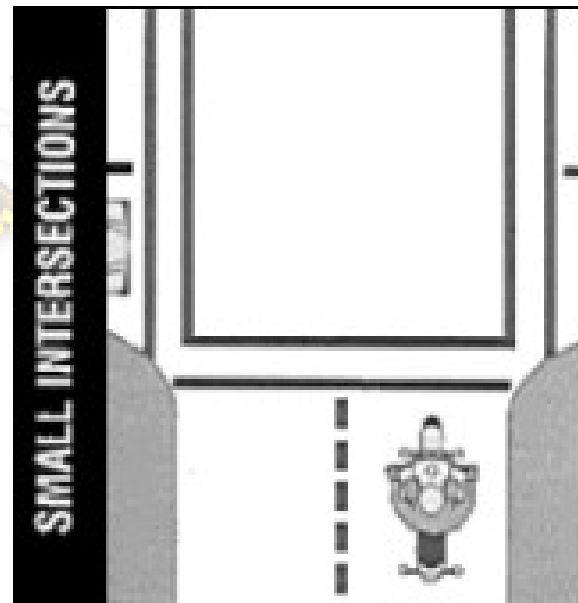
In potential high risk areas, such as intersections, shopping areas, school and construction zones, cover the clutch and both brakes to reduce the time you need to react.

Intersections

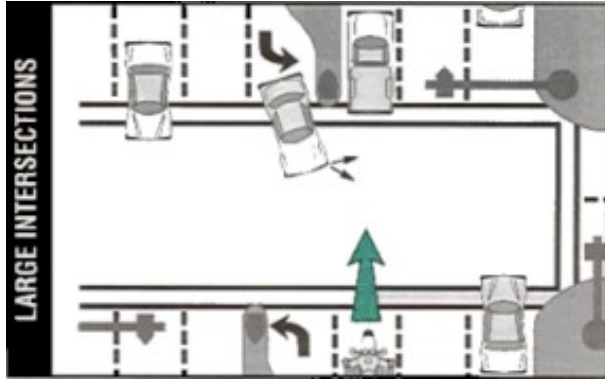
The greatest potential for conflict between you and other traffic is at intersections. An intersection can be in the middle of an urban area or at a

driveway on a residential street — anywhere traffic may cross your path of travel. Over one half of motorcycle/car crashes are caused by drivers entering a rider's right-of-way. Cars that turn left in front of you, including cars turning left from the lane to your right, and cars on side streets that pull into your lane, are the biggest dangers. Your use of SEE at intersections is critical.

There are no guarantees that others see you. Never count on "eye contact" as a sign that a driver will yield. Too often, a driver looks right at a motorcyclist and still fails to "see" him. The only eyes that you can count on are your own. If a car can enter your path, assume that it will. Good riders are always "looking for trouble" — not to get into it, but to stay out of it.



Increase your chances of being seen at intersections. Ride with your headlight on in a lane position that provides the best view of oncoming traffic. Provide a space cushion around the motorcycle that permits you to take evasive action. As you approach the intersection, select a lane position to increase your visibility to the driver. Cover the clutch and both brakes to reduce reaction time.



Reduce your speed as you approach an intersection. After you have entered the intersection, move away from vehicles preparing to turn.
Do not radically change speed or position. The driver might think that you are preparing to turn.

TEST YOURSELF

To reduce your reaction time, you should.

- A. Ride slower than the speed limit.
- B. Cover the clutch and the brakes.
- C. Shift into neutral when slowing.
- D. Pull in the clutch when turning.

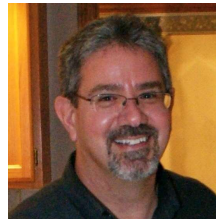
Answer: B



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to new membership officers, Mike Piston and Mike Standen!

By Mike Piston:



We currently have 133 members.

The following members National HOG memberships are about to expire.

August: Dave Ferguson
Larry Robinson
Dwayne Scott

September: Steve Berube
Anna Davidson
George Fields
William Killgore

If your HOG National membership expires, so does your Syracuse HOG membership and you will be deleted from our roster.



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| Jody VanAuken | July 3 |
| Marcella Becker | July 7 |
| Suzanne Kondra-DeFuria | July 7 |
| Bob Metrick | July 11 |
| Marj Canino | July 16 |

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| Mary Bell | July 21 |
| Carol Brizzi | July 21 |
| John Olivieri | July 21 |
| Steve Knowles | July 22 |
| Mike Barbato | July 25 |
| Ken Cook | July 25 |
| James French | July 30 |

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| Timothy Alexander | August 5 |
| Bruce Chimene | August 11 |
| Steven Dickinson | August 16 |
| Kathleen Killgore | August 20 |
| Mark Walker | August 20 |
| William Cianciola Jr. | August 24 |
| Ronald Berry | August 26 |
| Eric Mabie | August 29 |

And if it's your birthday and we missed it, Happy HOG Birthday to you!

LADIES OF HARLEY

By Terry Lynn Clark:



The riding season is here.. Now that's it's here, we are looking for rain to water our gardens.



Please remember to hydrate and use sunscreen. It's easy to forget and get burned.

There are many rides this summer, day and evenings....weekdays and weekends. If you get a chance, join the ride captains for a ride.

Hope to see you soon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By Karen Whedon:



We will be collecting canned goods at the July 17th and August 21st Syracuse HOG meetings. Please bring canned meats,

vegetables, condiments, pasta and any other items that have an extended shelf life. Do not bring any items in glass containers.

We will deliver whatever we have collected to the CNY Food Bank at the end of August.

If you have any questions, please contact me or catch me at the meetings.

The next drive will be in December.

Please place all items in boxes in the back of the meeting room and Thank You for caring.



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